

Docket No.: 574544782000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Hideto HIDAKA : Confirmation Number: 8227

Serial No.: 09/982,936 : Group Art Unit: 2818

Filed: October 22, 2001 : Examiner: D. Lam

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE HAVING A MAGNETIC

TUNNEL JUNCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, as

follows: